



Blanchard House Museum

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Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday – Friday, late Sept. thru 20 May

The Blanchard House Museum is a private, open access, educational institution devoted to the procurement, preservation, study, and display of artifacts and materials related to the history, culture, and contributions of African Americans in the settlement and development of Charlotte County and Southwest Florida.

1. After Hurricane Charley made landfall on Aug 13, 2004, the “Hurricane Bible” was found open in a page number _____ from the Book of Job.
2. _____ was the only midwife listed in the 1910 Census. She delivered babies of all ethnicities during a time of segregation.
3. What animal is connected to the standing United clock in the China cabinet?

4. This woman was a humanitarian, social activist, historian and inspiration for the Blanchard House Museum: _____
List two local organizations that honored her:
1) _____
2) _____
5. Trabue Woods was the local name for the African American community in the eastern part of Punta Gorda. It was first recorded on a map in:

6. The total population of Punta Gorda in 1900 was 860. What did the population grow to in 2000? _____

7. Name three (3) types of gambling in the African American community:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

8. A _____ is a collection pot used to collect resin from trees, usually pine trees, which are distilled into turpentine.

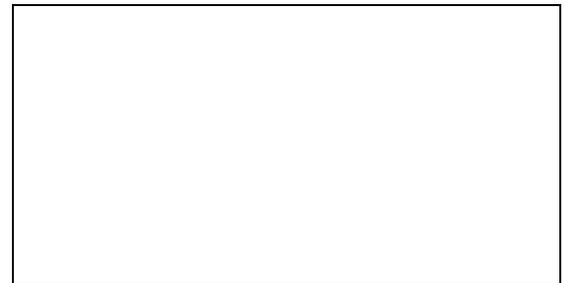
9. Name three types of businesses/industries implemented in Punta Gorda:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

10. Sawfish were killed by local fishermen to prevent cutting damage to valuable fishing nets.

Draw a sawfish saw in the box.

What year is the example from in the "Work Life" exhibit: _____



11. Albert W. Gilchrist (later Florida's 20th Governor) was hired by the _____ Railway to survey a route from Bartow into Trarue. On his team were seven African American men, name three (3):

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

12. How many rooms did the Hotel Punta Gorda have? _____

How much did the hotel cost to build? _____

13. Look at the c. 1902 photo of Baker Academy students.

_____ (person) can be seen in the second row from the back, third place from the right.

14. Joseph A. S. Blanchard and wife Minnie are buried in Lt. Carl Bailey Cemetery. He was a 2nd class pilot of the steam yacht _____. He built the house on Fitzhugh Ave in 1925 that would become the Blanchard House Museum.

15. In _____ (what year) was over half of Florida's population made up of enslaved African Americans?

16. What historic building in Punta Gorda houses a Colored Waiting Room exhibit:

17. What two (2) musical devices are on display at the museum?

1) _____ 2) _____

18. Which gallery was named for "A Giant of a Man"?

Outside (around the Museum building)

19. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American pilots in World War II. Which Tuskegee Airman from Punta Gorda is honored in the garden?

20. Find two veteran's names who served in the Civil War:

1) _____ 2) _____

21. The Blanchard House Museum of African American History and Culture was rededicated on _____ (date). It was relocated to the current location on what day? _____

22. The house was originally built at what address?

23. What trail is the house a stop on? _____

24. What local funeral home sponsored the military heritage walkway?

25. What year did the Blanchard House win the Punta Gorda Preservation Award? _____

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